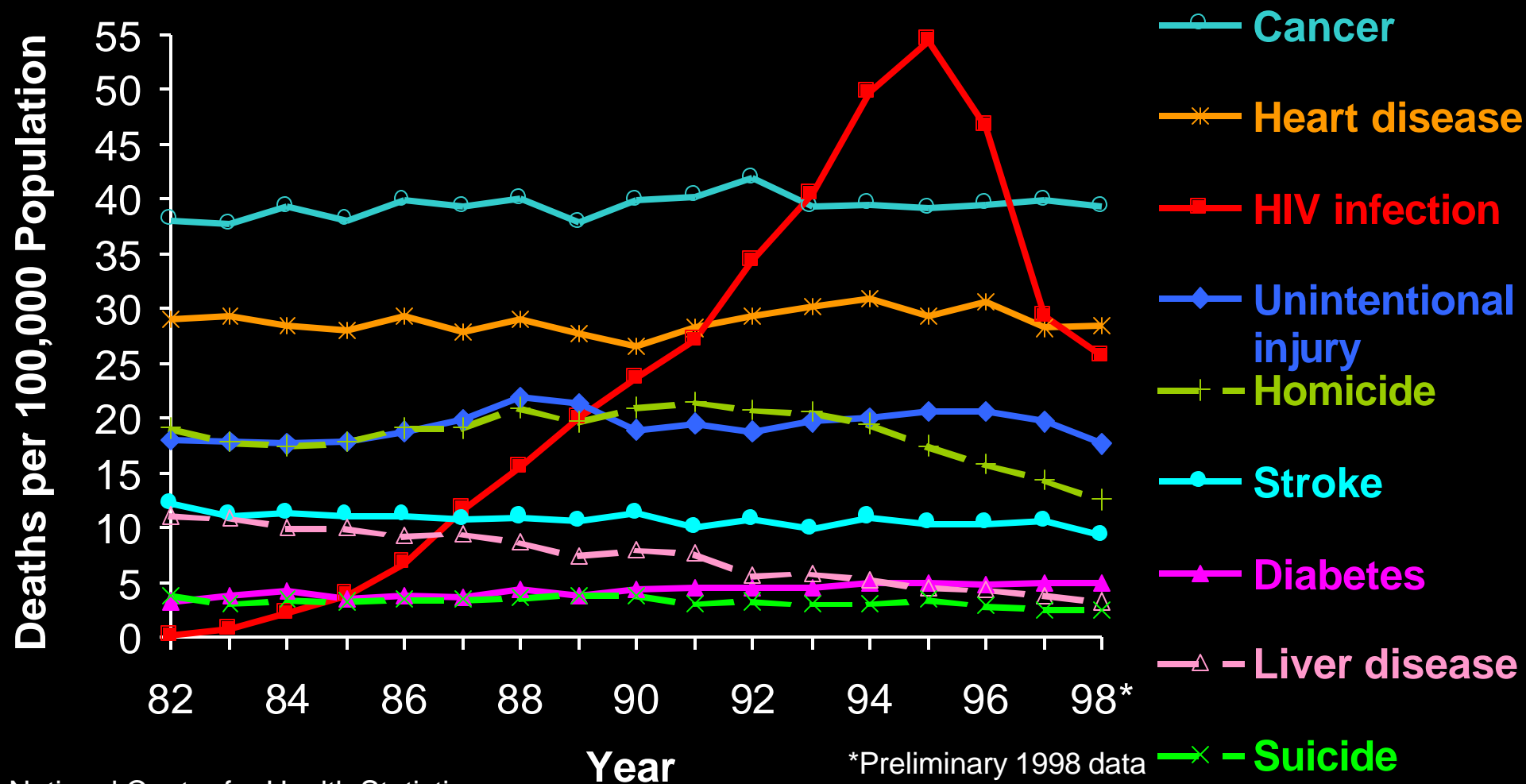


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Among black women 25-44 years old, HIV infection was the leading cause of death from 1993 through 1996, and then fell to third place, after cancer and heart disease, in 1998. HIV infection caused more than 3,000 deaths, or 22% of all deaths in this group in 1995, and about 1,500 deaths, or 13% of the total, in 1998.